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BEFORE

THE PUBLIC SERVICE COMMISSION OF

SOUTH CAROLINA

DOCKET NO. 97-249-C - ORDER NO. 97-764

SEPTEMBER 5, 1997

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IN RE: Proceeding to Consider Revision of ) ORDER  
the Application Form and Guidelines ) GRANTING  
for Customer Owned Coin Operated ) MOTION TO  
Telephones (COCOTs). ) STRIKE

This matter comes before the Public Service Commission of South Carolina (the Commission) on the Motion to Strike filed by BellSouth Public Communications, Inc. (BellSouth). The substance of the Motion is the allegation that certain testimony filed by the South Carolina Public Communications Association (SCPCA) should be stricken. BellSouth notes that the Commission Staff developed certain new Payphone Service Providers (PSP) guidelines, and that a workshop was held on the subject in the offices of the Commission. Further, it appeared that the new guidelines largely addressed posting requirements, the placement and maintenance of directories, annual report filings and enforcement matters. Further, the parties entered into a written Stipulation, agreeing that a number of the proposed guidelines were appropriate for adoption by the Commission.

SCPCA subsequently filed the testimony of Clifton Craig. According to BellSouth, in addition to discussing Staff's proposed guidelines, Craig's testimony included proposed additional PSP guidelines submitted by SCPCA. According to BellSouth, SCPCA's

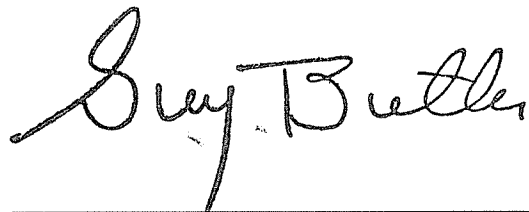
proposed additional guidelines go beyond the scope of the guidelines proposed by the Commission Staff and address PSP operational issues. Apparently, many of SCPCA's additional proposed guidelines address the manner in which a Local Exchange Company (LEC) shall provide services to a pay telephone provider, a matter not before the Commission in the present Docket.

SCPCA filed a response to the Motion.

We have examined the Motion, and we agree with BellSouth that the scope of SCPCA's additional proposed guidelines go beyond the scope of what was intended for examination in the present docket. We therefore grant BellSouth's Motion to strike pages ten (10) through twelve (12) of Clifton Craig's prefiled testimony in this Docket, which contains the offending material. We further hold that if the material stricken herein is attempted to be brought out at the hearing in this matter, then any such material shall be stricken from the record.


This Order shall remain in full force and effect until further Order of the Commission.

BY ORDER OF THE COMMISSION:



Chairman

ATTEST:

  
Deputy Executive Director

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